TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

FISCAL NOTE



HB 703 - SB 861

February 27, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Directs that a defendant released on a pre-trial bond continue on release pending the trial under the same terms and conditions unless the court determines other terms and conditions or termination of the bond is necessary. Authorizes a court to revoke a defendant's bond and order defendant held without bail pending trial if the defendant violates a release condition; is charged with an offense committed during release; or engages in conduct that obstructs the orderly and expeditious progress of the trial or other proceedings.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Requiring that a defendant continue on release under a previously granted pre-trial bond pending trial, rather than during trial, will not have a significant impact on state trial court caseloads.
- Authorizing a court to revoke a defendant's bond for certain violations enumerated in the proposed bill could result in additional bond revocation hearings but will not have a significant fiscal impact on the state trial courts.
- Any cost can be accommodated within existing judicial resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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